

ORDER NO. 05-04-50-15-09

Fire Restrictions
USDA Forest Service
Inyo National Forest

TERMINATION OF FORET ORDER
05-04-50-15-09

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the prohibition listed in Order Number 05-04-50-15-09 applicable to the Inyo National Forest, dated June 26, 2015, and signed by Edward E. Armenta is hereby terminated as of September 11, 2015.

Done at Bishop, California on September 10, 2015.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. Armenta', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

Edward E. Armenta
Forest Supervisor
Inyo National Forest

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Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Inyo National Forest. This Order is effective from September 11, 2015, until the declared end of the 2015 fire season.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in the Developed Recreation Sites shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, within the Developed Recreation Sites shown on Exhibit A, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. 36 CFR 261.52(d).
3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).
4. Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order.

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable stove or lantern using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty
3. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for a recreation residence in one of the residence tracts shown on Exhibit B are exempt from Prohibition No. 1 while they are at their recreation residence, provided that the activity is done in compliance with the terms of the permit.
4. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for an organizational camp or a resort shown on Exhibit B are exempt from Prohibition No.1 while at their organizational camp or resort, provided that the activity is done in compliance with the terms of the permit.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Done at Bishop, California, on this 10 day of September, 2015.



Edward E. Armenta
Forest Supervisor
Inyo National Forest

MEMORANDUM

To: File
From: Edward E. Armenta, Forest Supervisor
Date: September 10, 2015
Subject: Forest Order #05-04-50-15-10

The Inyo National Forest "Interagency Fire Restriction Plan" approved May 13, 2015, and Forest Service Manual – 5110.4, give authority and guidance on implementing actions which reduce the risk of certain ignition sources. Criteria for activation of prohibitions through Forest Orders are based on a combination of National Fire Danger Rating System indices, fuel moisture conditions, fire occurrence and/or behavior, forecasted weather, resource depletion, or the related State or National Preparedness Levels.

Although the Forest need only meet two of the measurable criteria, it has now met at least four. Specifically, they are: (1) dead fuel moistures for thousand hour time lag fuels are <12% for the Eastern Sierra Special Interest Group as posted on the Southern California Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) website; (2) the Southern California GACC Preparedness Level is at **3** on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, and the National Preparedness Level is at **4**, having only recently been at **5** for a considerable period that saw *every* incident management team in the US mobilized; (3) resource availability is constrained, due to the local, state & national suppression efforts underway; and (4) wildland fires in the local initial attack area have been difficult to control, with spotting and extreme fire behavior arising from drought-stricken, unusually dry vegetation and woody debris. Examples include the Walker Fire on the Inyo National Forest that grew from 150 to 3,500 acres in a single day, and the Rough Fire on the Sierra National Forest that is currently over 100,000 acres in size and has been burning since July 31st.

In this year's original Forest Order regarding fire restrictions, certain Wilderness Areas were exempted from the fire restrictions. This Order eliminates those exemptions, as conditions worsen and wildland firefighting resources become scarcer.

Exemptions from the restrictions, defined by geographic locations, or activities governed by permit are in place within the Forest Order. Due to the likelihood of ignition, measures requiring removal of flammable vegetation or a requirement to have extinguishment equipment on site will be imposed in the permit. These requirements or conditions of permit reduce the potential for fire ignitions.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

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Developed Recreation Sites
EXHIBIT A

MONO LAKE RANGER DISTRICT

Aspen
Lower Lee Vining
Moraine
June Lake Beach Picnic Area
Big Springs
Deadman
Glass Creek
Hartley Springs
Obsidian Flat
Gull Lake
June Lake
Oh! Ridge
Reversed Creek
Silver Lake
Big Bend
Ellery Lake
Junction
Sawmill
Tioga Lake
Saddlebag Lake
Grant Lake Marina/Campground

MAMMOTH RANGER DISTRICT

Convict Lake
New Shady Rest
Old Shady Rest
Sherwin Creek
Pine Glen
Coldwater
Twin Lakes
Lake George
Lake Mary
Pine City
Agnew Meadows
Minaret Falls
Reds Meadow
Pumice Flat
Upper Soda Springs

Pumice Flat
Tamarack
YMCA Camp (Sherwin Creek)
Crystal Crag
Mammoth Mountain Chalets
Mammoth Mountain RV Park
Sierra Meadow Ranch

WHITE MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT

Big Pine Creek
Sage Flat
Upper Sage Flat
Palisade Glacier
Clyde Glacier
Grandview
Noren
Nelson
Ferguson
Big Trees
Bishop Park
Forks
Four Jeffery
Bitterbrush
Intake 2 (walk-in)
Intake 2 Upper
Mountain Glen
North Lake
Sabrina
Willow
Bishop Park
Table Mountain
Big Meadow
East Fork
French Camp
Iris Meadow
Palisade
Pine Grove
Rock Creek Lake
Rock Creek Lake Group
Tuff
Upper Pine Grove
Holiday
Aspen
Mosquito Flat Trailhead
McGee Creek

MT. WHITNEY RANGER DISTRICT

Cottonwood Pass Backpacker

Cottonwood Lakes Backpacker

Horseshoe Meadow Equestrian

Lone Pine

Lone Pine Group

Whitney Portal

Whitney Portal Group

Whitney Trailhead

Upper Grays Meadow

Lower Grays Meadow

Onion Valley

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Recreation Residence, Pack Stations and Resorts
EXHIBIT B

RECREATION RESIDENCE TRACTS

Crater Tract
Glass Creek Tract
Gull Lake Tract
June Lake Tract
Silver Lake Tract
Falls Tract
Lake George Tract
Lake Mary Tract
Mill City Tract
Sherwin Creek Tract
Twin Lakes Tract
Big Pine Tract
Lake Sabrina Tract
Palisades Tract
Pine Glade Tract
Rock Creek Tract
Lower Rock Creek Tract
South Fork Tract
Utter Tract
Whiskey Creek Tract
Seven Pines Tract
Whitney Portal Tract

PACK STATION AND RESORTS

Bishop Pack Outfitters
Cottonwood Pack Station
Frontier Pack Train
Glacier Pack Train
Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit
McGee Creek Pack Station
Mount Whitney Pack Train
Pine Creek Pack Station
Rainbow Pack Outfitters
Rock Creek Pack Station
Sequoia Kings Pack Trains
Rock Creek Lodge
Kings Rock Creek Lakes Resort

Parchers Resort
Red's Meadow Resort and Pack Station
Sierra Meadows Ranch
Silver Lake Resort
Tioga Pass Resort
Pine Cliff Resort
Silver Lake Resort
Glacier Lodge
Whitney Portal Store
Sabrina Boat Landing
Golden Trout Camp
Toms Place Resort